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## NEW GUANO DEPOSITS OF PERU.

It will be of interest to our agriculturists, as well as to manufacturers of artificial fertilizers, to learn that the new guano deposits of Peru are said to be very decidedly superior in commercial value to that of the Chincha Islands. Prof. Raimondi, of Lima, has lately made a report to the government, in which he makes the following remarks:

The guano of the province of Tarapaca is dry and powdery; some specimens of it did not contain sixteen per cent. of water, among which three seemed about equal in that respect to the Chincha guano. The guano of the south of Peru has in this an advantage over that of Guanaque, which is pasty, and not so easily spread over the soil. The guano of Tarapaca, from its dryness, makes the uric acid and other nitrogenous principles less apt to be decomposed. In guano more abounding in humidity these elements become transformed into carbonate of ammonia, which being volatile, escapes during transportation. This guano, although abounding in ammonia, has little smell, and from this fact might be judged of less value, but the want of a strong ammoniacal odor is not owing to the lack of ammonia, but from two different causes. 1. Being very dry, as before observed, the formation of carbonate of ammonia does not so readily take place. The presence of a strong ammoniacal smell indicates that the ammonia is being given off, and this condition, instead of being favorable, is prejudicial. 2. The ammonia in this guano is combined in great part with phosphoric acid, under the form of phosphate of ammonia, which is a fixed salt and emits no smell. The association of ammonia with phosphoric acid gives a greater portance to this article, because those two most valuable elements of all kinds of manure existing in a soluble state are more easily taken up by plants, a circumstance which makes the guano of Tarapaca preferable and superior to all others yet known. In these guanos phosphoric acid in a soluble condition prevails to the extent in many samples of 10 per cent and even to 12 and 13 per cent while in that of the Chincha it does not go beyond 4 per cent.

From the preceding results, it is evident that, in the province of Tarapaca, some of its guano is poor in ammonia, there are others equal to the best guano of the Chincha, and even more valuable than the latter from the greater proportion of soluble phosphoric acid they contain. The most abundant deposits, such as those of the Pabellon de Pico, Patache, Huanillos, and Point Lobos are also those of a superior kind of guano.

Of the specimens from Point Lobos one contained only 0.81 per cent of ammonia, another 3.15 per cent; another the extraordinary amount of 15.67 per cent. The inference was that these three specimens were taken at different depths, the deepest abounding most in ammoniacal salts. A bottle was received from Patache filled with muriate of ammonia, very pure and of a fibrous structure. Its presence would go to show that the guano of these deposits might be expected to improve in proportion to the depth from which it is extracted. Of the 33 specimens from different points analyzed by the Professor, the value ranges from \$1.16 to \$1.65 a ton, the latter being from Pabellon de Pico.

ENGLISH IMMIGRANTS.—The meetings which have been held in Alexandria, Richmond, and at other points—and other agencies which have been employed—to induce Englishmen, coming to the United States, to locate in Virginia, will have the effect of directing the attention of that intelligent, skillful and enterprising class to the many advantages presented by this State.

When Virginia comes before them—in their search for desirable homes—in this Union, and we may expect to find its full consideration, and we may expect many to locate in the counties comprised in the section East of the mountains. Concerted action should be taken to keep the advantages of this region conspicuous before them, as that class of settlers is very desirable for many reasons. They are educated and skillful in their various callings and professions and come to make their homes with us, free from all local or sectional prejudice, with no other desire than to better their condition and become good citizens of the State, and useful and enterprising members of their respective communities. Unbiased in political partialities, they will form correct opinions—and as all citizens of this country will take sides in our political contests—they will be free to decide which course is more identified with the true interests of the State and country. Our climate, our people and all their surroundings in Virginia, will prove congenial to the English immigrants, and we hope to have many of them select this as the field in which to seek their fortunes. We have some of them with us now, and they are most estimable and useful citizens, and we would be favored in having many more such.—*Leedsburg Washingtonian.*

LADIES' SWIMMING CONTESTS.—On Wednesday last some four hundred or five hundred persons assembled on the Fort Hamilton (N. Y.) beach, near the seaside residence of Barney Williams, the Irish comedian, to witness a rather unique tournament in the shape of a series of swimming contests in which the competitors were ladies.

The races were 150 yards from the beach to a stakeboat and return, or 300 yards in all. In addition to the list of competitors, there were not less than fifty other ladies in the water, and the spectacle was decidedly novel. In the match races the prizes were given according to age. The first race was for a gold open chain. It was won by Miss Stevens. The next contest was between Mary Graham, Kate Summers, and Pauline Broughton. The latter young lady succeeded in coming in first and took the prize necklace. The third race, for a locket, brought out Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Donatas, and Mrs. Daly, the latter lady proving the winner. Three ladies entered for the fourth prize. They were Amelia Broughton, Mrs. Skidmore, and Miss Conine. After a good race Amelia Broughton won, and was presented with a set of jewelry. Race the fifth was cleverly won by Agnes Tillous, aged nine years. Her competitors were Addie Boggs, and Mary Moore. The prize was a gold ring. The two other races were won by Mrs. Barth and Mrs. Sandmeyer respectively.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.



Nearly all diseases originate from Indigestion and Torpidity of the Liver, and relief is always anxiously sought after. If the Liver is Regulated in its action, health is almost invariably secured. Want of action in the Liver causes Headache, Constipation, Jaundice, Pain in the Shoulders, Cough, Chills, Blisters, Sour Stomach, bad taste in the mouth, bilious attacks, palpitation of the heart, depression of spirits, or the blues, and a hundred other symptoms, for which SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR is the best remedy that has ever been discovered. Its action is mild, effectual, and being a simple vegetable compound, can do no injury in any quantities that it may be taken. It is harmless in every way; it has been used for FORTY YEARS, and Doses of the good and great from all parts of the country will vouch for its being the purest and best.

**SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR, OR MEDICINE.**  
Is harmless,  
Is no drastic violent medicine,  
Is sure to cure if taken regularly,  
Is no intoxicating beverage,  
Is a healthful family medicine,  
Is the cheapest medicine in the world,  
Is given with safety and the happiest results to the most delicate infant,  
Does not interfere with business,  
Does not disarrange the system,  
Takes the place of Quinine and Bitters of every kind.  
Contains the simplest and best remedies.  
**FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.**  
je 22-24

## W. FRANKLIN CREIGHTON.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in  
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS, GARDEN SEED, &c., &c., &c.  
No. 80 King Street, (under Sargent's Hall),  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.  
Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded. Orders will receive prompt attention.  
mh 21-24

## H. COOK & CO., LIVERY COOK.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in  
PURE DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, PAINTS, VARNISHES, OILS, &c., &c., &c.  
WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY.  
No. 107 King Street.  
Prompt attention given to orders and inquiries from the country.  
jan 30

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## E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

DEALERS IN  
PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES,  
CHEMICALS, PAINTS, OILS,  
VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS,  
SPICES, ACIDS, &c., &c., &c.  
Nos. 5 and 7 South Fairfax St.,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
aug 2-4

## SAMUEL H. JANNEY, MAHLON H. JANNEY.

**JANNEY & CO.,**  
DEALERS IN  
PURE DRUGS, LEWIS' WHITE LEAD, Paints, Oils and Varnishes,  
FRENCH WINDOW GLASS & PUTTY.  
No. 145 King Street.  
Orders and inquiries from the country promptly attended to.  
sep 23-24

## BUILDING MATERIAL.

## VIRGINIA SASH, DOOR AND FRAME FACTORY.

N. E. COR. FAIRFAX AND QUEEN STS.  
READY-MADE WORK  
constantly on hand, such as  
DOORS, SASHES, BLINDS, FRAMES,  
MOLDINGS, BRACKETS, NEW-  
ELS, BALUSTERS, &c., &c., &c.  
Will buy and trade for Wall Paper, Ash Logs,  
RICKETS & HOOPS,  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.  
feb 10

## B. F. PEAKE & CO.,

(Successors to J. S. W. Nalls, Son & Co.)  
DEALERS IN  
DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, PAINTS, HARD-  
WARE, LEADS, OILS, CEMENT,  
CALCINED PLASTER, &c., &c., &c.  
No. 187 King Street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.  
feb 2-4

## PARLOR ORGANS.

I have on hand a fine assortment of  
CABINET ORGANS,  
from the most reputed makers, ranging from  
\$85 to \$175. They will be sold on time or with  
a liberal discount for cash. Call and see them  
at VICTOR BECKER'S  
Piano and Music Store, 112 King Street, next to  
the Marshall House, Alex., Va. ap 2-4

## WE KEEP constantly on hand an assortment of READY-MADE WORK, such as

Doors, Sashes, Blinds, Frames, Mouldings,  
Brackets, &c.  
B. F. PEAKE & CO.  
feb 12

## POTOMAC SMOKE HERRING in store

and for sale by  
WM. F. BROOKES,  
147 King Street.  
je 8

## FINE CHEWING AND SMOKING TOBACCO, choice brands, in store and for sale by

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,  
106 and 170 King Street.  
je 10

## CAROLINA RICE, a prime article, just received and for sale by

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,  
106 and 170 King Street.  
ap 13

## MORE NEW GOODS—Buckles, Fans, Jewellery, Spanish and Brussels Net, Hamburg Edgings, Wind-or-Ties, Ribbons, &c., &c., at

FERGUSON'S HAIR DEPOT.  
je 3

## GORDONVILLE ROOMS.

Three-string Hurl's and four-string do. of this make just received by  
CHAS. S. TAYLOR, Jr.  
je 13

## 17 SACKS LAUGUYRA AND JAVA COFFEES just received and for sale at the decline by

J. C. MILBURN.  
je 6

## CANADA OAT MEAL in bulk; also Scotch do. in packages, and Canton Preserved Ginger—a free supply in store at reduced rates.

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,  
106 and 170 King Street.  
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## CANNED GOODS—A fine selection of choice brands at reduced rates.

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,  
106 and 170 King Street.  
je 17

## POTOMAC FISH.

No. 1 POTOMAC ROE HERRING and SHAD ROE, in kits, for sale by  
THOMAS PERRY.  
je 17

## GOOD COLONG TEA

For sale at  
FIFTY CENTS PER POUND by  
J. C. MILBURN.  
je 17

## DISINFECTANTS, all sorts, at 107 King St.

HENRY COOK & CO.  
je 22

## FANCY GOODS AND NOTIONS.

## GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE.

—  
GREAT BARGAINS  
—

## WHITE DRESS SHIRTS

—  
AND  
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## COLOR DRESS SHIRTS.

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## BUY NOW AND SAVE MONEY.

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CHARLES W. GREEN,  
76 King Street.  
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## GENTS' SUSPENDERS.

—  
VERY CHEAP,  
—

AT  
GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE.

## CROQUET!

—  
Large quantities just opened.  
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## Will be sold cheap at

C. W. GREEN'S,  
76 King Street.  
je 11-1005

## CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES!

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Just received another invoice of  
CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES.

## CHEAP!

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CHEAP!  
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CHARLES W. GREEN,  
76 King Street.  
je 11-1005

## HAIR GOODS CHEAP

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HAIR GOODS CHEAP  
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AT  
GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE  
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## HAIR GOODS MANUFACTORY.

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76 King Street.  
je 11-1005

## W. A. JOHNSON,

DEALER IN  
GROCERIES AND LIQUORS,  
NO. 41 CORNER QUEEN AND PITT STS.,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
He would inform dealers and others that he is prepared to furnish them with all kinds of  
POTOMAC FISH,  
at the lowest possible prices, and would call the attention of buyers to the fact that his brand has stood No. 1 in market at all times, and that he intends to sustain his reputation in all respects. All orders addressed to William A. Johnson Alexandria, Va., will receive prompt attention.  
je 4-11

## WM. F. BROOKES,

DEALER IN  
FINE AND FANCY GROCERIES,  
147 King Street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.  
Special attention given to the selection of  
TEAS, COFFEES and FAMILY FLOUR.  
je 10-11

## GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON,

Dealers in  
CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS,  
ENGLISH AND SCOTCH ALE AND BROWN SOUT.  
Also, EASTERN and POTOMAC HERRING and MACKEREL.  
NOS. 106 AND 170 KING STREET,  
(Washington Hall Building.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Orders promptly filled.  
mh 31-41

## G. W. RAMSAY,

WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER  
—AND—  
TEA DEALER.  
nov 22-41  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

## MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Alexandria, Va., June 15, 1874.  
Notice is hereby given to all parties requiring license to do business that I shall be in my office, in the Market Building on Royal Street, daily from 10 to 2 o'clock, for the purpose of granting the same.  
Any merchant, mercantile firm or other person requiring license who shall fail to pay the same on or before the 15th day of July next, shall forfeit and pay five dollars (\$5) and costs for each and every day they shall continue business without paying said license tax after the said 15th day of July.  
je 10-115

## DAIRYMEN'S ATTENTION.

Good, fresh, nutritious and cheap  
C. W. FOOD  
FIVE (5) CENTS A BUSHEL,  
can be obtained daily in quantities to suit purchasers at  
PORTER'S BREWERY,  
my 20  
North St. Asaph Street.

## PARASOLS AND SUN UMBRELLAS.

We have just opened a new stock of the above goods, very pretty and cheap, direct from the manufacturer.  
D. F. BRASHEAR,  
je 10  
109 King St., Alexandria, Va.

## OLONG TEA—

FIFTY CENTS PER POUND.  
Also choice Gunpowder and Japan Teas received this day by  
DAVY & HARMON.  
je 23

## SMALL SUGAR-CURED HAMS received

this day and for sale at 147 King St.  
W. F. BROOKES.  
je 10

## ICE DEALERS.

## ICE!

Having made arrangements for a full supply of NORTHERN ICE,  
I am prepared to fill all orders, both wholesale and retail, at market rates.  
Country orders solicited, and special attention paid thereto.  
ICE can be procured at Ice Depot, Market space, from 5 a. m. till 9 p. m. daily.  
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E. C. ATWELL.

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